

Office of the Village President
Village of Hoffman Estates
Illinois

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the past 20 years medical science has made great strides in learning about substance use and the nature of addiction; and

WHEREAS, addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain chemistry disorders. Treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and

WHEREAS, substance use and addiction result in huge societal and economic costs. It was recently estimated that the cost of untreated addiction in the United States is \$276 billion a year. Clearly, the toll substance abuse takes on the family and friends of the individual battling with addiction is immeasurable. But recovery is possible. Every day in every part of the United States, men, women, and youth are entering treatment and beginning the road to recovery and families seek hope and recovery in support programs and counseling; and

WHEREAS, *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* celebrates the tremendous strides taken by individuals who have undergone successful treatment, families in recovery, and recognizes those in the treatment field who have dedicated their lives to helping people recover from addiction. This year, the national campaign embraces the theme "*We Recover Together: Family, Friends, and Community.*"

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT I, William D. McLeod, acting under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Illinois and Laws of this Village of Hoffman Estates, hereby proclaim **September 2001**, as

NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

in the Village of Hoffman Estates and urge all Hoffman Estates residents and businesses to join in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the Village of Hoffman Estates at my office on this **20th day of August 2001**.



William D. McLeod

William D. McLeod, Village President